MOVIES: THE TOP 10

'Hook' still No. 1

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Hollywood had its best holiday week in history, with "Hook" still holding on at the top of the box office, but ticket sales for 1991 were down, production costs soared and some studios stood on the brink.

The hits "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" and "The Silence of the Lambs" ended the year box-office rich but studio-poor. Even four-week-old "Hook," with $82 million in grosses, has yet to make a penny.

For the first weekend of 1992, "Hook" made $11.5 million. It was followed by "Father of the Bride," at $9 million; "Beauty and the Beast," $8.8 million; "The Prince of Tides," $8.5 million; and "The Last Boy Scout," $7.1 million.

Final figures were not available for the Christmas-New Year's week, but it surpassed the holiday record of $209.4 million set during the Fourth of July week in 1989.

For all of last year, North American theater owners sold an estimated $4.85 billion in tickets, down about 3 percent from the $5 billion for each of the last two years. Admissions were off more sharply, but returns were offset by higher ticket prices, as high as $7.50 in some markets. Had it not been for the Christmas showing, the year-end returns would have been much worse.

Carolco Pictures had the year's No. 1 hit in "Terminator 2," which grossed $204.3 million, but the film cost a staggering $95 million. Carolco is now on the verge of collapse and has laid off a fourth of its staff.

Here are the nation's top 10 films for last weekend as tallied by Exhibitor Relations:

Title	Weekend receipts	Weeks in release	Total receipts
1. Hook	$11.5 million	4	$82.1 million
2. Father of the Bride	$9 million	3	$43.2 million
3. Beauty and the Beast	$8.8 million	8	$82.5 million
4. The Prince of Tides	$8.5 million	2	$31.3 million
5. The Last Boy Scout	$7.1 million	4	$43.8 million
6. JFK	$6.8 million	3	$30.9 million
7. Bugsy	$5.4 million	4	$25.3 million
8. Star Trek VI	$4.7 million	5	$60.5 million
9. The Addams Family	$4.6 million	7	$98.4 million
10. My Girl	$3.8 million	6	$48.8 million